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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle, comprising: an undercarriage;
- superstructure rotatably mounted atop the revolving undercarriage;
 - a hydraulic source disposed at the revolving superstructure;
- at least a plurality of work hydraulic cylinders disposed at the undercarriage, that are to be driven by pressure oil from the hydraulic source;
- a control valve that controls flow of pressure oil from the hydraulic source to the work hydraulic cylinders;
- an operating means for issuing device that issues a command for drive of the control valve;
- valve devices each comprising a check valve, each provided in correspondence to one of the plurality of work hydraulic cylinders to allow and prohibit outflow of pressure oil from a work hydraulic cylinder;
- a commanding means for outputting device that outputs one of a command for allowing extension/contraction and a command for prohibiting extension/contraction for each of the work hydraulic cylinders; and
- a control means for controlling device that controls each of the valve devices so as to allow outflow of pressure oil from the work hydraulic cylinder by invalidating a check valve function thereof in response to the command for allowing extension/contraction output from the commanding means device and so as to prohibit outflow of pressure oil from the work hydraulic cylinder with the check valve in response to the command for prohibiting extension/ contraction output by the commanding means device.

2. (Original) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle according to claim 1, wherein:

the hydraulic circuit is formed so that oil flows between the undercarriage and the revolving superstructure via a pair of pipelines through which drive pressure is supplied to the work hydraulic cylinders and the drive pressure is then returned and that the pair of pipelines are branched in the undercarriage to connect with each of the work hydraulic cylinders.

3. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein:

the valve devices are constituted as pilot-operated check valves controlled by a pilot pressure.

4. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle according to claim 3, wherein:

a pilot hydraulic circuit is formed so as to guide the pilot pressure generated at the revolving superstructure in response to an operation at the operating means device to the undercarriage via a single pilot pipeline and so as to branch the pilot pipeline in the undercarriage to connect with each of the valve devices.

5. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein

the valve devices are constituted as switching valves, each comprising a check valve, which is controlled by an electrical signal.

6. (Currently Amended) A hydraulic circuit in a work vehicle according to any one of claims 1 through 5 claim 1, further comprising:

a detection means for detecting device that detects an operation of the operating means device, wherein:

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the control means <u>device</u> controls the valve devices so as to allow outflow of pressure oil from the work hydraulic cylinders if the command for allowing extension/contraction is output from the commanding <u>means device</u> and the operation of the operating <u>means device</u> is detected with the detection <u>means device</u> and so as to prohibit outflow of pressure oil from the work hydraulic cylinders under other conditions.